



## Friday Night Facts

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### Update: 2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism Registration



*Pictured above: Gov. Daniels at our 2009 conference.*

Early bird registration may be over, **but you can still register for the Governor's Conference!**

**Still need to book a hotel?** You can still save money as the Sheraton Hotel and Suites is still offering rooms for \$94 a night. Register and book now, though, because this offer ends soon.

The 2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is at the Sheraton Hotel & Suites at 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Call the hotel at (317) 846-2700 or [visit their website](#) to get the best deal on your hotel room. Be sure to mention that you are attending the 2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism.

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- [SCIHRA family fun and wellness fair](#)
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*Please submit your events by emailing our Communications and Marketing Director at:*

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## Share your story as a testimony of service

Staff members from the Institute  
on

Disability and Community will be collecting stories on service and volunteerism at the Governor's Conference this year. Your stories are important!

Please take a few minutes during the conference to visit the Story Tent to share your experiences and thoughts about service.

You may have only started your trek in the service world, you may be a seasoned pro, or like so many who will be attending, you may have volunteered or started working for the community's good because someone inspired you with their work.

In any case, join us in putting a face and a personal account to volunteerism at the Governor's Conference this year.



## Conference session preview

The OFBCI still has room for attendees in some amazing sessions, and we don't mind saying that we have lined up an outstanding group of presenters this year.

### Social Media for Beginners

Presenter: Andrew Hoffman, NeighborLink Fort Wayne

Theme/Level: Media/Marketing, Beginner

Being part of the solution rather than a victim of disaster is the result of careful preparation and planning. But where to begin? This presentation combined with elements of a workshop is intended to give participants the opportunity to seriously consider the possibility of a disaster and move away from fear.

### An Untapped Resource: People with Disabilities and Community Service

Presenters: Allison Bracken and Tanya Justice, accessABILITY

Theme/Level: Volunteer Management, Beginner

This presentation will provide a facilitated panel discussion

about volunteer service opportunities for people with disabilities. We will examine common myths and stereotypes about the abilities of people with disabilities. Panelists who currently volunteer will present personal perspectives and discuss how their services have impacted their lives and the organizations they serve. Participants will walk away with a greater understanding and appreciation of the personal and professional benefits realized from...

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## AmeriCorps Opening Ceremony

Indiana AmeriCorps' 2011 Opening Ceremony will be held October 12 in Indianapolis. This year the annual

event expects to unite more than 200 Indiana AmeriCorps State and VISTA members.

The Corporation for National and Community Service Director of AmeriCorps, John Gomperts, will address the incoming group of AmeriCorps members and will conduct the swearing in. The Opening Ceremony reaffirms members' commitment to AmeriCorps and helps members understand they are part of a significant national movement.

## National service, awards, and a special guest



The **2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism** has a **National Service** theme designed for AmeriCorps members that focuses on leadership, career portfolios, and inclusion. AmeriCorps members also have the opportunity to join the rap session with **CNCS Director**



of AmeriCorps **John Gomperts** and learn about LeaderCorps. Plus, you'll get to learn and see the Governor's award winner for National Service. Commit to making this the best term of service and the winner could be you!

*Pictured above: John Gomperts, National Service Director of AmeriCorps*

## ADA breakout session

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to all organizations that serve the public. Likewise, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 applies to all organizations that receive funding from federal sources. If your organization is like most nonprofits, you fit into both of these categories. The Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is featuring a breakout session on the civil rights people with disabilities have under the ADA and the 504 that will help your organization serve an underrepresented portion of the population. The session takes place on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 3:05 – 4:05pm, so be sure to sign up for it when you register for the conference!

## Did You Know?

On the final day of the Governor's Conference, there will be an important chance to give your input on where the regional conferences should be held in 2012. We want your suggestions, and look forward to maximizing the quality of content, the level of participation, **and** the geographic amenability.